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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response that expires on September 4, 2004, and is accompanied by a Petition to extend the time for replying to October 4, 2004. Remarks begin on page 2. This paper contains no amendments to the specification, claims, or drawings, hence no listing of claims. Further examination and reconsideration respectfully are requested.